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CA-TF2 DEPLOYMENT TO NARITA, JAPAN

Our California Task Force 2 (CA-TF2) team has been requested through the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) to assist in rescue and recovery efforts following yesterday's 8.9 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami along the northeastern coast of Japan. CA-TF2 will deploy as a Heavy Rescue Team of 72 personnel, including a swift water rescue component, as well as six canines and their handlers. The Task Force is scheduled to depart from Los Angeles International Airport this evening on a commercial charter flight. The USAR Team from Fairfax, Virginia will also be on the same flight.

It is a source of great pride for our organization to not only have this highly specialized response capability, but to be called into duty by USAID to help save lives and property beyond our borders. This deployment comes on the heels of the Task Force's return from the earthquake in New Zealand. We will be in continual contact with the team throughout their deployment, as well as with their family members.

We will keep you updated with any new developments. If you have any questions, please call me at (323) 881-6180.

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